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FYI –

I've highlighted the section of most interest. On the National Mining Team call, Shahid mentioned that Jim Woolford initially included the ceasing of any work being done at mining sites, including remedial actions. But Shahid said push-back led to changing it to only field investigations that are not in the remedial action stage.

Regional folks were asked to develop a matrix of sites to tier them and develop some sort of a criteria to then 'push-back' to have them taken off the list of sites not able to be worked on until this is order to cease is lifted. Some of these sites do not have immediate danger issues (or even might not have water being treated) and to stop work on them affects multiple contractors as well as having other issues. It appears to be a decision made to satisfy the politics of the situation. The call for the Regional Division Directors is at 4:30 today.

ORD was not tasked with anything on the call.

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**Importance:** High

Folks,

I am working at the Emergency Operations Center related to the Gold King Mine spill. As you know, Gina McCarthy is in Colorado and meeting with three attorney generals. Jim Woolford is going to have a call with the Division Directors and will be sending out an email stating the following:

While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities. We are conducting an investigation of the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the lessons learned from that investigation, we will determine what guidance may be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site to identify any immediate threats and appropriate response actions.

In the meantime the NMT has been tasked to come up with an inventory of sites that have ongoing or future assessments with features containing fluids (mine workings, tailings dams, open pits, heap leaches). So we need to develop a matrix of sites with the following fields:

Site Name

Location

Mine Features

Features containing water

Do the mine bearing features have:

Controls in-place (plugs, hydraulic drawdown)

No controls in place

No hydraulic issues

There may be more information but I need to jump on to another call. Thanks!

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